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**Eastern Connecticut State University**

**little east conference**

Saturday, May 13, 2000

### ECSU BASEBALL ELIMINATED FROM LITTLE EAST TOURNAMENT

*Warriors' comeback bid falls short in 6-5 loss to top-seeded Southern Maine*

GORHAM, Maine -- Junior lefty Travis Gilmore of the University of Southern Maine shut down the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team in an elimination game of the Little East Conference tournament for the second straight year as the Warriors were beaten 6-5 Saturday.

Top-seeded Southern Maine (31-11) advanced to face fourth-seeded Massachusetts Dartmouth (19-20) later Saturday in the double elimination tournament. UMass Dartmouth, which defeated both Eastern and Southern Maine earlier in the tournament, needed one win to capture the tournament title and gain the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. A win by Southern Maine Saturday would force a deciding game Sunday at noon.

Gilmore (4-0), who allowed only two hits when Southern Maine eliminated ECSU from the 1999 tournament, was not as dominant this time around, but allowed only six hits and carried a 6-3 lead into the eighth inning. He was replaced after issuing a one-out walk in the eighth and ECSU senior first baseman **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)** greeted reliever Denny Webber with his second career home run to slice the margin to one run, 6-5. Webber, however, retired the next five batters in order to earn his second save.

Southern Maine, which had eliminated Keene State 12-8 Friday in a four hour and forty-four minute, 14-inning contest, broke to a 6-0 lead against ECSU sophomore righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** with two runs in the second and four in the fifth. Czerwinski, who lost for the first time in five northern starts, was replaced after the hosts opened the fifth with four straight singles.

Trailing 6-0, Eastern got two back in the sixth on two walks, an RBI single by junior centerfielder **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** and a throwing error and reached Gilmore for another in the seventh on an RBI double by junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)**. Wetherell's two-run home run in the eighth pulled ECSU to within a run but Webber shut down the Warriors the rest of the way.

In three tournament games, Tempesta was 9-for-15 with four runs scored and four RBI.

Eastern, whose only two one-run losses in 11 contests have come to Southern Maine, awaits a possible at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. The 42-team field will be announced Monday.

#### **Southern Maine 6, Eastern Conn. 5**

Southern Maine (31-11)	020	040	000	--	6	8	1
Eastern Conn. (29-10)	000	002	120	--	5	7	1

Travis Gilmore (4-0), Denny Webber (8) and Peter L'Italien. Adam Czerwinski (4-2), Michael Chadwick (5), Matt Fortin (9) and Matt Hebert. Save-Webber (2). 2B-Nick Tempesta (E); HR-Andy Sebring (2) (S), Jay Wetherell (1) (E).

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Friday, May 12, 2000

## ECSU FALLS INTO LOSERS' BRACKET IN LITTLE EAST BASEBALL

Warriors beaten by UMass Dartmouth, need three wins to capture championship

GORHAM, Maine -- The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth scored four runs in the sixth inning to wipe out a two-run deficit and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team left 15 runners on base in dropping a 7-4 decision in the winners' bracket of the 2000 Little East Conference tournament Friday.

Second-seeded Eastern (29-9) faces top-seeded University of Southern Maine (30-11) in an elimination game Saturday at noon, with that winner needing to defeat unbeaten UMass Dartmouth (19-20) twice in the double elimination tournament to gain the title and with it, the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. One win Saturday by UMass Dartmouth in the 3:30 p.m. start gives the Corsairs their first conference title. If UMass loses Saturday, the championship game is schedule to be played Sunday at noon.

After ECSU lost to UMass Friday morning, once-beaten Southern Maine remained alive in the tournament by eliminating third-seeded Keene State (21-16-1) 12-8 in a 14-inning game which took four hours and 44 minutes to play and postponed the start of Friday's scheduled third game until Saturday. Southern Maine had dropped an opening 7-1 decision to UMass Dartmouth Thursday while ECSU had posted an 8-7, 11 inning verdict over Keene State.

UMass Dartmouth 7, Eastern Conn. 4

Junior lefty Eric Taylor (3-3), who allowed 12 hits in a complete-game 4-2 regular-season loss to Eastern April 29, allowed 13 hits this time around but survived several jams before giving way to junior righty Brian Ronayne with his team leading 7-3 and the bases loaded and two out in the ninth. Ronayne hit pinch hitter Morgan Thompson (NORWALK) to force in one run but recorded his second save of the year by getting ECSU sophomore rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA) to line out to Doug Kelsch in right field to end the game.

Solo home runs off Taylor by sophomore leftfielder John Hedde (STONINGTON), Holowaty and sophomore first baseman John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY) helped ECSU junior righty Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY) to carry a 3-1 lead into the sixth before the Corsairs scored four runs on five hits and an error. Mike Dougan put the Corsairs ahead for good 5-3 with a two-run, bases loaded double that chased DePaulo.

Trailing 7-3, Eastern threatened in the eighth by loading the bases for Kubachka on two walks and a single after there were two out. A diving catch by UMass centerfielder Jason Orlando on Kubachka's deep drive preserved the lead for Taylor, however.

In the ninth, ECSU hoped to rally for the second straight day, scoring once when Ronayne hit Thompson but leaving the bases loaded for the third time when Kelsch grabbed Holowaty's sharp drive.

Hedde, making his first tournament start, snapped a scoreless tie when he drilled his fourth home run of the season over the fence in dead center field on the first pitch of the fourth inning. With two outs, Holowaty made it 2-0 when he homered for the fifth time this year over the right-centerfield fence. Mike Rahme's leadoff home run in the bottom of the inning cut the lead in half but Kubachka restored the two-run margin with an inside-the-park home run -- his team-leading 11th home run of the year -- leading off the fifth.

Dougan, Ronayne and Guy Furtado each had two hits for UMass, with Ronayne also reaching twice on walks (one intentional). The Corsairs, who have beaten ECSU three times in four conference tournament games, played errorless defense and have committed only one error in two tournament games.

ECSU junior shortstop Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA) continued to swing a hot bat, collecting three hits to give him seven hits in 11 tournament at-bats. Junior centerfielder George Dixon (STAMFORD) was 4-for-5 with a double but did not contribute to any of the team's runs.

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UMass Dartmouth (19-20) 000 104 20x -- 7 14 0

Bryan DePaulo (3-2), Jay Wetherell (6), Curt Sinatra (6), Matt Fortin (7) and Troy Timney, Anthony DeCicco (8). Eric Taylor (3-3), Brian Ronayne (9) and Mike Rahme, Jon Merrill (9). Save-Ronayne (2). 2B-George Dixon (E), Mike Dougan, Ronayne, Manny Santo (MD); HR-Jared Holowaty (5), John Kubachka (11), John Hedde (4) (E), Rahme (9) (MD).

Saturday, May 13

Game 5: Eastern Conn. State U. (29-9) vs. University of Southern Maine (30-11), noon (loser eliminated)

Game 6: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (19-20) vs. Game 5 winner, 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday, May 14

Game 7 (if necessary): Same teams as Game 6, noon

Thursday, May 11, 2000

## ECSU BASEBALL RALLIES PAST KEENE STATE IN LEC TOURNAMENT Warriors tie game with three runs in ninth inning, capture tourney opener in 11th inning

GORHAM, Maine - Junior shortstop Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA) sparked rallies in the ninth and 11th innings as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team posted a come-from-behind 8-7, 11 inning win over Keene State College Thursday in the opening round of the 2000 Little East Conference tournament.

Second-seeded Eastern (29-8) advances in the winners' bracket of the four-team double elimination tournament Friday to face the winner of Thursday's late game between top-seeded host University of Southern Maine (29-10) and fourth-seeded Massachusetts Dartmouth (17-20). Because the start of the ECSU-Keene State game was delayed for over two hours by rain, the Southern Maine-UMass Dartmouth game was not scheduled to begin until 6 p.m. Thursday. If that game is completed Thursday, ECSU will play the winner Friday at 9:30 a.m. If the Southern Maine-Dartmouth game is suspended Thursday due to darkness, it will resume Friday morning, with the winner facing Eastern soon after.

Trailing 7-4 against third-seeded Keene (21-15-1) Thursday, Eastern tied the game in the ninth inning by scoring three runs on four hits. Tempesta drove in the first two runs with a one-out single and scored the tying run on junior catcher Matt Hebert's (BURLINGTON) two-out, RBI single through the left side of the infield.

With the score tied 7-7, Tempesta led off the 11th inning with his fourth hit of the game and took second when the ball was misplayed in right field. Intentional walks to sophomore first baseman John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY) and George Dixon (BURLINGTON) loaded the bases and with one out. From third base, Tempesta then beat a throw to the plate with the winning run on freshman Morgan Thompson's (NORWALK) ground ball to second.

Sophomore righty Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN) pitched the final two innings to record his second win in as many decisions. Rival, who started the game at second base, got the game going by going in the ninth inning with a double to left-center with one out. Sophomore rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA) followed with a single and scored behind Rival on Tempesta's single which was misplayed in center.

Holowaty and Tempesta, batting 1-2 in the order, combined to score seven of the team's runs. Holowaty reached four times on a hit, two walks and a fielder's choice and scored four runs.

Keene State junior righty Matt Laro (the conference leader in earned run average, carried a 4-1 lead into the 11th before the Warriors got two back on two-out RBI singles by Tempesta and Kubachka. ECSU tied the game in the seventh on Tempesta's two-out single but the Owls appeared to have the game sewed up when they retired the ECSU pitchers for three runs

in the ninth.

Trailing 1-0, Keene reached ECSF's first round game on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) with four runs in the bottom of the fifth. In that inning, Doug Morse and Keith Jacobson each poled long RBI home runs. Jason Bruetsch tripled and scored.

The one-run win is the ninth in the series this year for Eastern, which has won four straight. The loss is Eastern's season-high eight-game winning streak for Keene, which had to go to the double elimination round of the tournament by eliminating the defending Western Connecticut State University 9-3 Tuesday.

The tournament is scheduled to be completed Sunday, with the winner gaining an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

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Keene State (21-15-1)	000	4	00	--	7
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Eastern Conn. (29-8)	100	0	01	--	8
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One out when winning run scored.

Matt Lavatori, Corey Hartson (10); RHP-Jay Charbono. Michael Chadwick, Matt Fortin (5), Stephen Rival (2), Curt Sinatro (9), Kevin Rival (10) and Matthew Hebert, Troy Rival (10). WP-Rival (2-0); LP-Hartson (4-3). 2B-Ben Tyer, Doug Morse, Rival; 3B-Jason Bruetsch, Keith Jacobson (K), Nick Tempesta, Rival (E); 3B-Rival (E).

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Monday, May 8, 2000

### **ECSU BASEBALL OPENS PLAY IN LITTLE EAST THURSDAY** *Warriors face Keene State-Western Conn. winner in tourney at Gorham, ME*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team chases its second Little East Conference tournament title in four years when it opens play in the four-team, double elimination portion of the tournament Thursday at Gorham, ME.

Both Eastern (28-8) and host and top-seeded University of Southern Maine (29-10) advanced to the double-elimination portion of the tournament after drawing first-round byes. Eastern faces the winner of a Tuesday play-in game between sixth-seeded Western Connecticut (8-20) and third-seeded Keene State (20-14-1) Thursday at noon. Southern Maine, the defending tournament champion, meets the winner of the other Tuesday play-in game between fifth-seeded Rhode Island College (10-23) and fourth-seeded UMass Dartmouth (16-20) Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

The tournament continues with three games Friday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concludes Saturday with the championship round, which gets underway at noon.

For the first time, the tournament champion receives an automatic berth in the 42-team NCAA Division III tournament, which gets underway May 18. Twenty-nine teams will qualify for the championship automatically. Only five non-winners of automatic-qualifying conferences will be selected nationwide for the NCAA tournament.

The Warriors finished with at least a share of the regular-season conference title for the fourth time in the four-year history of the conference. ECSU won 12 of its 14 regular-season conference games for the fourth straight season.

Eastern defeated both Keene State and Western Connecticut during the regular season, sweeping Keene State 7-2, 3-2 April 15 at Mansfield and taking single games from Western, 5-2 at home April 2 and 19-0 at Danbury last Wednesday.

As a team, Keene State has the top pitching earned run average (3.49) in the conference pitchers and features the top two pitchers in junior righty Matt Lavatori (6-2, 1.62) and senior righty Bill Williams (4-3, 2.17). During the regular season, ECSU sophomore lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)** outdueled Lavatori in the first game of the doubleheader while sophomore righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** outdueled Williams in the nightcap.

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Williams, the conference leader with 96 strikeouts, allowed only three singles in eight innings in the loss to ECSU while fanning 11. He carried a 2-1 lead into the eighth before the Warriors scored two unearned runs.

Eastern, which won the 1998 conference tournament title en route to the national championship, leads Division III in fielding (.969) and is second in the conference in batting (.329), ERA (3.60) and scoring (7.97 runs per game).

Sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** leads the conference in batting (.474), hits (63), RBI (54) and doubles (16) and is second in home runs (10) while sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** is the conference leader in runs (51). Junior right-handed pitcher **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** is rated sixth in the conference in ERA (2.91) and Olson is seventh (3.33).

### **2000 little east conference Baseball Tournament**

#### **Seeds**

1. U. of Southern Maine (29-10); 2. EASTERN CONN.STATE U. (28-8); 3. Keene State (20-14-1); 4. Massachusetts Dartmouth (16-20); 5. Rhode Island College (10-23); 6. Western Conn. State U. (8-20).

#### **Play-in Games -- Tuesday, May 9**

Western Conn. at Keene State; Rhode Island College at Massachusetts Dartmouth

#### **Double Elimination at Towers Field, Gorham, ME (U. of Southern Maine host)**

#### **Thursday, May 11**

**Game 1:** Keene State/Western Conn. winner vs. Eastern Conn., noon; **Game 2:** Massachusetts Dartmouth/R.I. College winner vs. Southern Maine, 3:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, May 12**

**Game 3:** Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9:30 a.m.; **Game 4:** Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 12:30 p.m.; **Game 5:** Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 3:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, May 13**

**Game 6:** Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, noon; **Game 7** (if necessary): 3:30 p.m.

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Saturday, May 6, 2000

### **ECSU BASEBALL SWEEPS RIC IN LITTLE EAST FINALE**

*Warriors finish with share of LEC regular-season title for fourth straight year*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** and **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** each had a double and home run and combined for 11 hits, nine RBI and nine runs scored as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept Rhode Island College 14-2, 11-2 Saturday in Little East Conference action Saturday.

Eastern (28-8) finishes with a share of the conference regular-season title for the fourth year in the conference's four-year history, posting its fourth straight 12-2 record. ECSU shared last year's title, won the 1998 crown outright and won the LEC South Division championship in 1997. Eastern and regular-season co-champion University of Southern Maine receive first-round Little East Conference tournament byes and move into the four-team, double elimination portion of the tournament, which gets underway Thursday at Gorham, ME.

Eastern completes its home <sup>regular</sup> season with 14 wins in 16 games and has beaten the Anchoemen the last 12 times the teams have met.

In the doubleheader, Tempesta had five hits and scored five runs while driving in four, walking once and reaching on a hit-by-pitch. Kubachka had six hits, drove in five and scored four. **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** added two hits in each game and also drove in two runs and scored two while **Matthew Hebert (BURLINGTON)** had a double and home run, drove in a run and walked once in the opener.

Junior righty **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** and sophomore righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** started and earned victories. DePaulo (3-1) allowed three hits and both runs in the opener. He fanned four and walked four over the first six innings. Czerwinski (4-1) gave up seven hits and one run in the nightcap. He retired the first two batters of the sixth before giving way to freshman righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)**. Czerwinski struck out three and walked two.

Mike Bento had two hits in the opener for Rhode Island (10-23) and worked into the sixth inning of the nightcap on the mound.

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**Easten Conn. 14, R.I. College 2**

R.I. College (10-22, 5-8)	000	002	000	--	2	7	45
Eastern Conn. (27-8, 11-2)	030	116	30x	--	14	15	0

Bill Fields (1-6), Dennis Soito (7) and Eric Gibree. Bryan DePaulo (3-1), Jay Wetherell (7), Kevin Rival (9) and Matthew Hebert, Anthony DeCicco (8). 2B-Mike Bento (R), Jared Holowaty, Nick Tempesta, Hebert, Wetherell (E); HR-Hebert (1) (E).

**Eastern Conn. 11, R.I. College 2**

R.I. College (10-23, 5-9)	010	000	100	--	2	9	2
Eastern Conn. (28-8, 12-2)	004	043	00x	--	11	14	2

Mike Bento (1-4), Dennis Soito (6), Nick Benoit (6) and Eric Gibree. Adam Czerwinski (4-1), Matt Fortin (6), Curt Sinatro (8) and Troy Timney, Anthony DeCicco (7). 2B-Brien Fineberg 2, Paul Pimentel, Russ Barron (R), John Kubachka, Kevin Rival, Hebert (E); HR-Nick Tempesta (4), Kubachka (10) (E).

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Wednesday, May 3, 2000

### ECSU BASEBALL ROUTS WESTERN CONN. IN LITTLE EAST 19-0 *Warriors move into first-place tie in conference with Southern Maine*

DANBURY, Conn. -- Three Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers combined on a one-hitter and five players had two or more hits as the Warriors routed Western Connecticut State University 19-0 Wednesday night in Little East Conference action.

By winning, Eastern (28-6, 10-2) pulls into a tie for first place in the conference with idle University of Southern Maine and moves one step closer to a share of its fourth conference regular-season title in the four-year history of Little East baseball competition.

Already assured of a first-round bye when the conference tournament gets underway next week as one of the top two regular-season finishers, Eastern remains in the hunt to host the conference tournament for the third straight year. With two conference games remaining for both Eastern and Southern Maine, ECSU must win the conference outright in order to host, due to its two regular-season losses to Southern Maine.

Leading 4-0, the Warriors chased former ECSU sub-varsity pitcher Greg Palanzo (1-4) when they scored seven times in the fourth on four hits and four Western (6-18, 2-8) errors. In the game, ECSU collected 18 hits and was aided by six Western errors.

ECSU junior righty **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** pitched the first six innings of the combined shutout and one-hitter, allowing only a second-inning single to Martin Acevedo while fanning nine and walking three. In his last three starts covering 25 innings, Chadwick has given up only one earned run (0.36 ERA) on 17 hits while fanning 29 and walking seven. Chadwick (4-2) lowered his season's ERA to 2.91 in 52.6 innings -- tops among ECSU starters.

Freshman second baseman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** was 3-for-5 with two runs and an RBI in his first start while sophomore leftfielder **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** was 3-for-6 (two doubles) with three runs and two RBI. Sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)**, junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** and sophomore third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** each had two hits. Holowaty scored four times as the leadoff batter and also

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drove in two while Tempesat scored three runs and rove in two and Ormaechea drove in three and scored one.

Eastern, ranked in a tie for 18th nationally, hosts Rhode Island College Saturday in a noon doubleheader in its regular-season and conference finale. Southern Maine closes out its conference season with a noon twinbill at Plymouth State College.

**Eastern Conn. 19, Western Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (28-6, 10-2)	103	731	013	--	19	18	2
Western Conn. (6-18, 2-8)	000	000	000	--	0	1	6

Michael Chadwick (4-2), Kevin Rival (7), Curt Sinatro (9) and Troy Timney, Anthony DeCicco (6), Coakley Jopling (9). Greg Palanzo (1-4), Dan Korn (4), Joe Csordas (5), Bob Smith (9) and Robert Nardi, Tom Shea (7). 2B-Nick Scheets 2, Jared Holowaty, Matthew Hebert, DeCicco.

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Tuesday, May 2, 2000

### THREE-RUN FIFTH INNING CARRIES TUFTS BASEBALL PAST ECSU 5-2

*Svencer, Brown combine on six-hitter as Warriors drop fourth in last six*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- The Tufts University baseball team broke a tie with three runs in the fifth inning and went on to a 5-2 victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday, sending the Warriors to their fourth loss in their last six outings.

Ranked eighth in New England, Tufts (22-11) scored three times in the fifth inning on two hits, a walk, sacrifice fly and throwing error to defeat the Warriors for the third straight time. ECSU (25-8), ranked third in New England and tied for 18th nationally, lost at home for the second straight game after 12 opening victories.

In the fifth inning, an infield throwing error with runners on first and second allowed Tufts to go ahead 3-2. Todd Boutwell followed with an RBI single and Dan Callahn drove in the third run of the inning with a sacrifice fly to right.

Nick Svencer and Zack Brown combined on a six-hitter for Tufts, with Brown preserving the win with two scoreless innings. Svencer gave up only five hits over seven innings while fanning five and walking four.

An RBI single by Joe Surprenant in the second inning and a home run by Boutwell in the third staked Tufts to a 2-0 lead before the Warriors tied the game in the third on a sacrifice fly by senior first baseman **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)** and an infield RBI single by junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)**.

Eastern visits Western Connecticut State University Wednesday at 7 p.m.

#### **Tufts U. 5, Eastern Conn. 2**

Tufts U. (22-11)	011	030	000	--	5	6	0
Eastern Conn. (25-8)	002	000	000	--	2	6	1

Nick Svencer (3-0), Zack Brown (8) and Joe Surprenant. David Olson, Matt Fortin (5), Stephen Stonoha (8), Curt Sinatra (9) and Matthew Hebert. LP-Olson (5-2). Save-Brown (1). 2B-Inaki Ormaechea (E); HR-Todd Boutwell (2).

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### ECSU BASEBALL SWEEPS UMASS DARTMOUTH 21-10, 4-2

*Warriors keep pace in race for Little East Conference regular-season crown*

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** drove in six runs with a grand slam and four doubles as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 21-10 and 4-2 Saturday in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

In snapping a season-high three-game losing streak, Eastern (25-7, 9-2) keeps pace in the race for the conference regular-season title, remaining in a two-way tie for first with the University of Southern Maine, which swept Keene State College Saturday. UMass Dartmouth is 14-18 overall, 7-5 in the conference.

Trailing 8-7 in the first game, Eastern scored 12 runs in the seventh inning to break the game open. The Warriors sent 16 batters to the plate in the inning, collecting nine hits, two walks and two hit batters against five pitchers. In that inning, sophomores **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** and **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** and freshman **Morgan Thompson (NORWALK)** each had two hits.

In the second game, sophomore righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** equalled his season high with nine strikeouts while allowing only eight hits without a walk over the first eight innings en route to his third win in four decisions.

Holowaty led a 22-hit attack in the opener by going 5-for-6 -- including his 100th career hit -- with five runs scored and four RBI. Holowaty hit his third and fourth home runs in the game. Ormaechea was 4-for-5 with three runs scored, Thompson 3-for-3 with two RBI and three runs scored, Tempesta 3-for-5 with six RBI, including a grand slam and two doubles; and sophomore **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** 3-for-7 with a double and two RBI.

On the day, Tempesta was 6-for-10 with a home run and four doubles. Kubachka raised his average to .463 by going 6-for-10.

In the opener, Kubachka had an RBI double and two-run home run -- his team-leading ninth of the season -- and junior **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** a sacrifice fly to give ECSU a 4-0 lead, which Czerwinski carried into the ninth. Czerwinski was removed after allowing three hits to open the inning but senior righty **Stephen Stonoha (DERBY)** picked up his third save of the season by getting two fly outs and a comebacker with the bases loaded.

Eastern, ranked ninth nationally, hosts Tufts University Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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**Saturday, April 29, 2000**  
**Baseball**  
**at North Dartmouth, MA**

**Eastern Conn. 21, UMass Dartmouth 10**

Eastern Conn. (24-7)	100	501	(12)02	--	21	22	2
UMass Dartmouth (14-17)	001	520	2 00	--	10	12	1

Bryan DePaulo, Jay Wetherell (4) and Matthew Hebert, Tony DeCicco (9). Jason Hinchliffe, Jason Devincent (4), Greg Zackrison (7), Jeff Davenport (7), Dennis Palardy (7), Butch Langton (7) and Mike Rahme. WP-Wetherell (2-0); LP-Devincent (3-3). 2B-Hebert, John Kubachka, Morgan Thompson (E); Doug Kelsch, Manny Santo (MD); 3B-Mike Dougan (MD); HR-Jared Holowaty 2, (4), Nick Tempesta (3), John Hedde (3).

**Eastern Conn. 4, UMass Dartmouth 2**

Eastern Conn. (25-7)	101	000	200	--	4	13	0
UMass Dartmouth (14-18)	000	000	002	--	2	10	0

Adam Czerwinski (3-1), Kevin Rival (9), Stephen Stonoha (9) and Troy Timney. Eric Taylor (2-2) and Mike Rahme. Save-Stonoha (3). 2B-Nick Tempesta 2, John Kubachka (E); HR-Kubachka (9) (E).

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Thursday, April 27, 2000

### **BRIDGEWATER STATE RALLIES PAST EASTERN CONN. BASEBALL 6-2**

*Two-out ninth inning home run ties game, Bears score four in 12th on one hit*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore designated hitter Neil Brazie hit a two-out, game-tying home run in the ninth inning and the Bridgewater State College baseball team scored four runs in the 12th inning without the ball leaving the infield in a 6-2, 12-inning decision over Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday.

The loss is the first after 12 home wins this year for Eastern (23-7), which has lost a season-high three straight games. Bridgewater (22-3) is ranked seventh nationally, second in New England, Eastern is rated ninth nationally, first in New England.

The loss spoiled a ten-inning pitching effort by ECSU junior righty **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)**, who carried a 2-0 lead into the ninth. Chadwick retired the first two batters in the ninth before Justin Twieraga reached when his fly ball to right was misplayed. Brazie then tied the game when he lofted an 0-1 pitch over the left field fence -- his second home run of the season. Brazie, the team's cleanup hitter, had fanned twice and popped to third prior to the ninth inning.

Bridgewater pitchers Mike Marini and Tim Hart escaped jams in both the tenth and 11th inning before the Bears scored four times in the 12th without the ball leaving the infield. Two walks and a hit batsmen loaded the bases with one out. Bridgewater then scored twice when Tony DeMeo's ground ball to first was thrown away at home and a double steal and Mike Sanborn's bunt single with a runner coming from third scored two more.

Chadwick equalled his career high of 12 strikeouts. He did not walk a batter and allowed only eight hits in pitching a career-high ten innings. Marini also pitched the first ten innings for the Bears, allowing only six hits while fanning eight and walking three. He also hit a batter.

Eastern had taken a 2-0 lead with single runs in the first and sixth and Chadwick sailed through the middle innings before the error and the game-tying home run in the ninth. Junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** drove in the first run for Eastern with a ground ball to short and he scored the second run on a throwing error after reaching on a walk.

Junior centerfielder **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** had three hits for Eastern, including a leadoff triple in the second which did not produce a run. Junior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** had two hits.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Saturday at Massachusetts Dartmouth in a noon doubleheader.

### **Bridgewater State 6, Eastern Conn. 2**

Bridgewater State (22-3)	000	000	002	004	--	6	9	2
Eastern Conn. (23-7)	100	001	000	000	--	2	7	4

Mike Marini, Tim Hart (11) and Ryan Faria, Mike Hludzik (12). Michael Chadwick, Matt Fortin (11), Stephen Stonoha (12) and Matthew Hebert. WP-Hart (1-0); LP-Fortin (1-2). 3B-George Dixon (E); HR-Neil Brazie (B) (2).

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### **ECSU BASEBALL SWEEP BY SOUTHERN MAINE 4-3, 11-5**

*Three teams now locked in first-place tie in Little East Conference*

GORHAM, ME -- Jason Dority had a game-tying RBI double in the ninth inning and Shaun Richardson ended the game with a sacrifice fly as the University of Southern Maine baseball team rallied for a 4-3 Little East Conference win over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday on the way to a sweep of a doubleheader.

In the second game, sophomore lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)** was driven from the mound during a five-run third inning as the hosts recorded an 11-5 victory -- their 12th win in their last 13 games.

Eastern (23-6), Southern Maine (21-9) and Massachusetts Dartmouth are all locked in a three-way tie for first place in the conference, each with a 7-2 record. UMass Dartmouth missed out on a chance to stand alone in first place by dropping a 5-4 decision to Keene State Tuesday.

Junior centerfielder **George Dixon's (STAMFORD)** fifth home run of the season was a solo shot and gave the Warriors a 3-1 lead in the seventh inning of the first game but Southern Maine got one back in the bottom of the seventh following a leadoff double by Tyler Delorme and won the game in the ninth.

The loss is the first by a run after eight wins by that margin this year for Eastern, ranked first in New England and ninth nationally.

The loss spoiled the seven-inning pitching effort of ECSU junior righty **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)**. DePaulo allowed only five hits while fanning seven and walking three and was lifted with a 3-2 lead after the seventh inning.

Olson brought a lifetime record of 10-1 into action in the second game but didn't survive the third inning. He gave up seven hits and six runs before giving way to senior righty **Stephen Stonoha (DERBY)** when Southern Maine move out to a 8-3 lead with five runs on six hits in the third inning. Pat Toomey and Jody Curcuru, the 3-4 batters in the Southern Maine lineup, combined for six hits and three runs scored in the game. Curcuru drove in two and Toomey had a double and triple.

In the doubleheader, senior first baseman **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)** was 5-for-9 with three doubles, three runs scored and an RBI. Dixon had three hits, scored twice and drove in two runs. First-game losing pitcher **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** appeared in both games and was reached for only one hit in four innings.

Eastern hosts Springfield College Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Warriors are 12-0 at home this season.

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#### Southern Maine 4, Eastern Conn. 3

Eastern Conn. (23-5)	110	000	100	--	3	11	1
Southern Maine (20-9)	100	000	102	--	4	8	1

Bryan DePaulo, Stephen Stonoha (8), Matt Fortin (8), Michael Chadwick (9) and Matthew Hebert. Denny Webber, Ryan Adams (9) and Peter L'Italien. WP-Adams (3-1); LP-Fortin (1-1). 2B-Jay Wetherell (E), Tyler Delorme, Jason Dority (S); 3B-Craig Gureckis (S); HR-George Dixon (5) (E).

#### Southern Maine 11, Eastern Conn. 5

Eastern Conn. (23-6)	012	000	020	--	5	10	2
Southern Maine (21-9)	215	010	02x	--	11	13	2

David Olson (5-1), Stephen Stonoha (3), Matt Fortin (3), Adam Czerwinski (6) and Troy Timeny, Coakley Joplin (8). Mark Russell (4-2), Ryan Adams (9) and Peter L'Italien. 2B-Jay Wetherell 2, Kevin Rival, Timney (E), Shaun Richardson, Pat Toomey, Craig Gureckis (S); 3B-Toomey (S).

Wednesday, April 19, 2000

**CHADWICK PITCHES ECSU BASEBALL PAST TRINITY 4-1**  
*Junior pitches first career complete game for Warriors, now 12-0 at home*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Junior righthanded pitcher **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** scattered eight hits while fanning eight batters en route to his first career complete game as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team edged Trinity College 4-1 Wednesday night.

Trinity (17-6), ranked fourth in New England, reached Chadwick (3-2) for a run in the first on a sacrifice fly by cleanup hitter Brian Powell but the Warriors answered with single runs in the second, third, seventh and eighth. Eastern (23-4), now 12-0 at home and 15-2 up north, is ranked first in New England, ninth nationally.

The complete game was the first in 20 career starts for Chadwick, who had pitched the first nine innings in a 9-6, ten-inning home loss to Amherst College last April 14. Until tonight, Chadwick's longest outing this season had been an eight-and-one-third-inning stint March 29 in a 3-2 home win over Wesleyan University. The strikeout total was a season-high for Chadwick, who also walked four and hit a batter -- but allowed none of those free passes after the fourth inning. Over the final five innings, Chadwick faced only four batters over the minimum when he was reached for two singles in the sixth, one in the seventh and one in the ninth.

Junior centerfielder **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** broke a 1-1 tie with a leadoff homer in the third off Trinity starter and loser Brendan Moss (3-2) and Dixon made it 3-1 in the seventh when his infield single plated senior first baseman **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)**. Wetherell had doubled to open the inning, moved to third on an infield out and scored when Dixon legged out the ground ball to second. Junior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** drove in the final run in the eighth when he squeezed in sophomore leftfielder **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** from third.

Wetherell's hit-and-run single in the second -- sending sophomore DH **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** to third -- helped ECSU score its first run. With runners on the corners and no one out, Scheets trotted home when sophomore third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** grounded into a double play.

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After Dixon's fourth home run in the third, Moss settled down, allowing only one more run heading into the bottom of the eighth. In the eighth, Moss was ejected by home plate umpire Dan Salce after unloading a pitch which sailed behind the head of ECSU junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** and to the backstop. The wild pitch allowed Kubachka to take third and he scored on Hebert's squeeze bunt to the right of the pitcher's mound off relief pitcher Justin Olewnik.

Chadwick escaped trouble in the first and second innings. He left two runners aboard in the first after Powell's sacrifice fly and left the bases loaded in the second by getting a strikeout and ground ball.

Dixon, Scheets and Wetherell all had two hits in ECSU's eight-hit offense, with Wetherell also reaching with a fourth-inning walk.

The Warriors visit Wheaton College Friday at 3 p.m.

#### **Eastern Conn. 4, Trinity College 1**

Trinity (17-6)	100	000	000	--	1	8	0
Eastern Conn. (23-4)	011	000	11x	--	4	8	0

Brendan Moss (3-2), Justin Olewnik (8) and Jake Miles. Michael Chadwick (3-2) and Matthew Hebert. 2B-Jason Barbarotta (T); 2B-Jay Wetherell (E); HR-George Dixon (4) (E).

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### ECSU BASEBALL IMPROVES NORTHERN RECORD TO 12-2

*Sinatro, Rival combine on four-hitter in 9-1 win over Framingham State*

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. -- Junior lefty <sup>Carl</sup> ~~Matt~~ Sinatro (WEST HARTFORD) and sophomore righty Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN) combined on a four-hitter and sophomore rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA) had four hits in a 17-hit attack as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team routed Framingham State College 9-1 Tuesday.

With the win, Eastern (22-4) improves its northern record to 12-2. Framingham is 10-13.

Sinatro allowed only four hits over the first seven innings while fanning eight and walking one. He did not allow a run after giving up a first-inning home run to Glenn Simarrian. Rival closed out the game by pitching two scoreless innings.

Holowaty was 4-for-5 with two runs scored and three stolen bases while junior centerfielder George Dixon (STAMFORD) had three hits and Matthew Hebert (BURLINGTON) two hits and three RBI.

Eastern, ranked first in New England and ninth nationally, hosts Trinity College Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Bantams are ranked fourth in New England.

#### Eastern Conn. 9, Framingham State 1

Eastern Conn. (22-4)	213	200	010	--	9	17	0
Framingham State (10-13)	100	000	000	--	1	4	2

<sup>Carl</sup> ~~Matt~~ Sinatro (2-0), Kevin Rival (8) and Coakley Jopling, Anthony DeCicco (8). Greg Rockwell (4-1), Bob Saulog (9) and Peter Massey. 2B-George Dixon, Matthew Hebert (E); Robbie Lepardo (F). HR-Glenn Simarrian (F).

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Saturday, April 15, 2000

### ECSU BASEBALL REMAINS UNBEATEN IN LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE

*Four pitchers limit Keene State to nine hits; three errors pave way in second game*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Sophomore starters **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** and **David Olson (WATERFORD)** stopped Keene State College on seven hits as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept the Owls 7-2, 3-2 Saturday in a Little East Conference battle of the top-ranked pitching and defensive teams.

Czerwinski (2-1) outdueled Keene State starter Matt Lavatori (3-2) in the opener, with relief help from freshman **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)**. In the second game, Keene's Bill Williams was betrayed by his defense as the Warriors rallied from a one-run deficit by scoring twice in the eighth on a leadoff single by pinch hitter **Matthew Hebert (BURLINGTON)** and three infield errors.

The teams entered play ranked 1-2 in the conference in pitching and defense. Eastern (21-4) stays perfect in seven conference games this year, boosting its four-year regular-season conference record to 43-6. Keene ~~was~~ falls to 11-11-1, 3-3 in the conference after dropping to 6-0 against Eastern in three years of conference play. The Warriors also remain unbeaten in 11 home games this year and improve to 13-2 up north.

Olson (5-0), who leads the conference in ERA, allowed only four hits and two runs in the first game before turning a 3-2 lead over to Fortin with two outs in the eighth. Fortin walked the tying run into scoring position but got a ground ball to end the inning and the Warriors chalked up the win by scoring four times on four hits in the bottom of the eighth.

After being credited with his second save of the season in the opener, Fortin earned his first collegiate win in the nightcap when the Warriors scored their two unearned runs off Williams in the eighth. Fortin was inserted as the third ECSU pitcher to start the eighth and ECSU trailing 3-2. In the bottom of the eighth, Hebert singled to open the inning, pinch runner **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** moved to second on an error by Williams and scored when sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty's (COLUMBIA)** ground ball was misplayed at second. Holowaty then stole second and raced home with the go-ahead run when the Owls threw the ball into the dugout when they tried to nail him at third on an infield ground ball.

Williams (2-2), rated fourth in the conference in ERA, shut ECSU down on four singles. He walked only two and fanned 11 -- the most by an opposing pitcher this season. For Eastern, ranked first in Division III, the second-game win leaves it at 8-0 in one-run decisions this season.

In the doubleheader, Holowaty was 6-for-9 with four runs scored and three RBI. He had three of the team's four hits against Williams. His second home run of the season came in the opener and was a three-run blast in ECSU's four-run eighth inning. Sophomore **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** had three hits on the day, including a two-run home run -- his team-leading eighth of the season -- in the first inning of the opener.

Eastern visits Framingham State College Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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**Eastern Conn. 7, Keene State 2**

Keene State (11-10-1)	000	000	020	--	2	5	2
Eastern Conn. (20-4)	200	100	04x	--	7	12	1

Matt Lavatori (3-2), Keith Kraft (7) and Kelly Charbono. David Olson (5-0), Matt Fortin (8) and Troy Timney, Coakley Jopling (9). Save-Fortin (2). 2B-Jason Liimatainen (K), Jared Holowaty (E); HR-Holowaty (2), John Kubachka (8) (E).

**Eastern Conn. 3, Keene State 2**

Keene State (11-11-1)	000	002	000	--	2	4	3
Eastern Conn. (21-4)	000	001	02x	--	3	4	1

Bill Williams (2-2) and Kelly Charbono. Adam Czerwinski, Jay Wetherell (7), Matt Fortin (8) and Troy Timney, Coakley Jopling (9). WP-Fortin (1-0); 2B-Craig Roach, Charbono (K).

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### MONTCLAIR SNAPS 12-GAME ECSU BASEBALL'S WINNING STREAK 9-3 *Red Hawks build 9-0 lead after four en route to sixth straight victory*

LITTLE FALLS, NJ -- Six different players drove in at least one run as the Montclair State University baseball team snapped Eastern Connecticut State University's 12-game winning streak with a 9-3 victory Wednesday at Yogi Berra Stadium.

The Red Hawks (19-3-1), ranked fifth in the Mid-Atlantic Region, scored all of their runs in building a 9-0 lead after four innings before the Warriors (19-3) got three back on two singles and three walks in the seventh.

The loss is the first after 11 northern wins for Eastern, ranked first nationally in Division III. Montclair has won six straight and is 7-0 at home this season.

In the first meeting between the clubs since ECSU's 16-1 rout in the 1998 national championship game, Montclair chased ECSU junior right-handed pitcher **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** in the first inning when it scored three runs on three hits. Craig Conway and Brian Ellerson each had RBI doubles in the inning.

Junior lefty Scott Allan (4-0), who as a freshman was driven from the mound in the fourth inning of the '98 title game, scattered seven hits in seven innings to gain the win. He fanned five and walked three.

Sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** extended his hitting streak to 22 games. He was 2-for-4. Sophomore rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA) was 2-for-5. Kubachka drove in the team's first run with a single and sophomore leftfielder **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** drove in two with a pinch single.

For Montclair, Conway was 3-for-5 with two RBI and a run scored and Chris Baran was 2-for-4 with a run and RBI.

Eastern visits Amherst College Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The Lord Jeffs, who qualified for NCAA play last year, are ranked fourth in New England.

#### **Montclair State U. 9, Eastern Conn. 3**

Eastern Conn. (19-3)	000	003	000	--	3	7	2
Montclair State (19-3-1)	313	200	00x	--	9	12	0

Michael Chadwick (2-2), Matt Fortin (1), Jay Wetherell (7) and Matthew Hebert. Scott Allan (4-0), Corey Hamman (8), Greg Belson (9) and Jeff Schriber, Michael Clifford (9). 2B-Craig Conway, Frank Longo, Brian Ellerson (M).

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Thursday, April 13, 2000

### AMHERST HANDS ECSU BASEBALL SECOND LOSS IN ROW

*Lord Jeffs' ace Kevin Downes wins seventh straight pitching decision*

AMHERST, Mass. -- Junior righty Kevin Downes allowed the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to score in only two innings as Amherst College handed the Warriors their second loss in as many days, 5-3 Thursday.

Downes (7-0) allowed ten hits (nine singles) and carried a 5-2 lead into the ninth before giving way to sophomore righty Dave Krauser, who chalked up his team-leading fourth save. Downes fanned six and walked four.

The loss is the second in as many days for Eastern (19-4), ranked first nationally in Division III. The Warriors lost their first northern game after 11 wins and had a 12-game winning streak snapped in a 9-3 loss Wednesday at Montclair State University.

Amherst (13-3), ranked fourth in New England, scored twice in the first against ECSU junior righty **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** on a double, triple and sacrifice fly and went ahead for good 3-2 in the sixth on a double by Hugh Quattlebaum (three hits) and one-out RBI single by Ryan Whitmarsh. The Lord Jeffs pushed the lead to 5-2 in the eighth when Quattlebaum drove in two runs with a single while ECSU was attempting an intentional walk.

Trailing 2-0, Eastern tied the game with two runs in the fifth on a wild pitch and two-out RBI double by junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)**. The Warriors got another run closer in the ninth but Krauser came on to shut the door.

Sophomore third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** and junior centerfielder **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** each had three hits for Eastern while Tempesta had two.

Sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** failed to get a hit in a game for the first time this season. Kubachka was 0-for-1 with three walks, one intentional.

Eastern hosts Keene State College Saturday at noon in a Little East Conference doubleheader.

#### **Amherst College 5, Eastern Conn. 3**

Eastern Conn. (19-4)	000	020	001	--	3	10	1
Amherst (13-3)	200	001	02x	--	5	8	0

Bryan DePaulo (2-1), Stephen Stonoha (7), Curt Sinatro (8), Adam Czerwinski (8) and Matthew Hebert. Kevin Downes (7-0), Dave Krauser (9) and J.R. Drabick. Save-Krauser (4). 2B-Inaki Ormaechea (E), Hugh Quattlebaum 2, Drabick (A); 3B-Dave Siegle (A).

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### **ECSU BASEBALL BOMBS PLYMOUTH STATE IN LITTLE EAST 9-1, 14-1** *Warriors now 11-0 up north, extend winning streak to 12 with sweep*

PLYMOUTH, NH -- Sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** and junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** combined for 13 hits, ten runs scored, eight RBI and 24 total bases as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team swept Plymouth State College 9-1, 14-1 Saturday in a Little East Conference baseball doubleheader.

With the sweep, the No. 1 nationally-ranked Warriors (19-2, 5-0 Little East) extend their winning streak to 12 and remain perfect in 11 games played up north. The northern-opening start is program's third-best and is the best since 12-0 in 1987. The program record for consecutive wins to open the northern season is 17 in 1978, when the Warriors went on to capture 30 of 32 regular-season northern contests.

On Saturday, Kubachka raised his season's average to a team-leading .519 by going 7-for-9 with seven RBI and four runs scored. Among his hits were three doubles and his team-leading sixth and seventh home runs of the season. In the opening win, he was 4-for-5 with two home runs, a double, six RBI and two runs scored.

On the day, Tempesta was 6-for-9 with two doubles, six runs scored and an RBI. Sophomore utility player **Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN)** had four hits, including two doubles, three runs scored and three RBI while sophomore outfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** had three hits, four RBI and scored three runs. Tempesta is batting a team-leading .465 up north and with Saturday's performance raised his season's mark over .400 to .418.

Four ECSU pitchers limited Plymouth (6-9-1, 0-4 Little East) to eight singles. In the opener, junior righty **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** registered his first complete game at ECSU in his fourth start and raised his record to 2-0. He allowed only two hits and no earned runs while fanning eight and walking three. Sophomore lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)** lowered his team-leading ERA to 1.33 by limiting the Panthers to one run on six hits in the first seven innings of the nightcap. Olson (4-0) fanned five and walked three.

Up north this season, Eastern is batting .324 with a staff ERA of 2.00 and has committed only three errors (.993).

The Warriors travel to face Montclair State University Tuesday at 4 p.m. It will be the first meeting between the clubs since ECSU downed the Red Hawks 16-1 in the 1998 national championship game at Salem, VA.

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**Eastern Conn. 9, Plymouth State 1**

Eastern Conn. (18-2)	203	001	003	--	9	14	1
Plymouth State (6-8-1)	000	010	000	--	1	2	1

Bryan DePaulo (2-0) and Matthew Hebert. Jeff Morgan (2-1) and Matt Tupman. 2B-Kevin Rival, John Kubachka, Hebert (E); HR-Kubachka 2 (7) (E).

**Eastern Conn. 14, Plymouth State 1**

Eastern Conn. (19-2)	004	213	130	--	14	19	0
Plymouth State (6-9-1)	000	100	000	--	1	6	2

David Olson (4-0), Michael Corona (8), Jay Wetherell (9) and Matthew Hebert, Coakley Jopling (7), Anthony DeCicco (8), Troy Tiimney (9). Owen Burke (0-1), Jonathan Rich (5), Arian Freeman (6), Nate Provencher (8) and Matt Tupman, Sy Tebbetts (9). 2B-Nick Tempesta 2, John Kubachka 2, Jared Holowaty, Kevin Rival, John Hedde, Justin Waz (E).

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### KUBACHKA'S HOME RUN LIFTS ECSU BASEBALL IN 11TH INNING

*Warriors rally twice to subdue '99 regional champion Brandeis 7-6*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** hit a three-run home run with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning to lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 7-6 win over Brandeis University Wednesday at the ECSU Baseball Stadium.

The Warriors (16-2) had forced extra innings by tying the game on junior centerfielder **George Dixon's (STAMFORD)** two-run single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning but the Judges (7-10) regained a two-run lead in the 11th on a leadoff home run by Adam Zoldak -- his first of the season -- and ground ball by Steve Wahlbrink.

With one out in the 11th, losing pitcher Sean Ewers (0-1) walked sophomore DH **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** and hit junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** before Kubachka launched his fourth home run of the season off the scoreboard beyond the left-center field fence. The hit was the only one of the game for Kubachka, who has hit safely in all 18 games this year and is batting .500 (33-for-66) with 55 total bases and 31 RBI.

The win is the ninth straight for Eastern, ranked first in Division III. The Warriors are unbeaten in eight home northern games and are 7-0 in games decided by one run. Brandeis is the defending NCAA Division III New England Regional champion.

Wahlbrink of Brandeis, a 1999 third-team all-America pitcher, carried a 4-2 lead into the ninth before the Warriors rallied to tie the game. Sophomore leftfielder **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** opened the inning by doubling to right for his third hit of the game and moved to third on a one-out single to right by sophomore third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)**. Running for Ormaechea, junior **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** moved into scoring position by stealing second before No. 9 hitter Dixon delivered a two-run single to right on a 1-2 pitch.

ECSU junior righty **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** allowed only one baserunner (walk) through the first three innings and led 1-0 before Brandeis tied the game on a two-out RBI single left by Jeremy Taro and went ahead 3-1 on a two-out RBI triple by No. 4 hitter Dave Cimini and RBI single by Taro. Senior righty **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)**, the fourth ECSU pitcher, got the final two outs of the 11th to record his first win this season.

Adam Zoldak, who doubled and scored Brandeis' first run in the fourth, finished with three hits, and two runs scored while leadoff hitter Jim Freethey walked twice and scored twice and stole three bases.

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Tempesta was 2-for-4 to improve his average on the current nine-game winning streak to .500 (18-for-36). Ormaechea and Dixon also had two hits.

**Eastern hosts Westfield State College Thursday at 2 p.m. in the makeup of Tuesday's postponement. The game had originally been re-scheduled for Friday at 3 p.m.**

**Eastern Conn. 7, Brandeis U. 6, 11 inn.**

Brandeis U. (7-10)	000	102	010	02	--	6	10	1
Eastern Conn. (16-2)	001	001	002	03	--	7	12	0

Steve Wahlbrink, Sean Ewers (10) and Jeremy Taro. Michael Chadwick, Stephen Stonoha (7), Matt Fortin (8), Jay Wetherell (11) and Matthew Hebert. WP-Wetherell (1-0); LP-Ewers (0-1). 2B-Adam Zoldak (B), Justin Waz, Nick Tempesta, Nick Scheets (E); 3B-Dave Cimini (B); HR-Zoldak (1) (B); John Kubachka (4) (E).

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### **SCHEETS HOME RUN SPARKS ECSU BASEBALL TO TENTH STRAIGHT WIN**

*Warriors unbeaten in nine northern games after 11-4 win over Westfield State*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore leftfielder **Nick Scheets's (MILFORD)** first home run of the season highlighted a four-run third inning and sparked the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to its tenth straight win, an 11-4 victory over Westfield State College Thursday.

For Eastern (17-2), ranked first nationally in Division III, the win is the ninth in as many northern home games. The Owls are 7-11.

Cleanup hitter Josue Zamora had staked the Owls to a 4-1 lead with a two-run home run in the first and two-run single in the top of the third. The Warriors answered with four unearned runs in the third to take the lead for good 5-4 and added two more in the fifth. Eastern scored its four runs in the third on two hits -- including Scheets's home run to right-center -- along with a sacrifice fly, walk and run-producing double steal.

Junior lefty **Curt Sinatro (WEST HARTFORD)** won his first game of the season, striking out a career-high nine batters and equalling his career high of seven innings pitched. After Zamora's two-run single in the third, Sinatro retired 11 straight batters until giving up a one-out double in the seventh.

Senior first baseman **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)** matched Scheets by going 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored while sophomore third baseman **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** had two hits and two RBI. Sophomore DH **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** hit safely in his 19th straight game when he drilled his team-leading fifth home run of the season in the seventh. Kubachka has had a home run in his last three games and four of his last five. His home run in the last three games have been his only hit of the game.

Eastern returns to Little East Conference play Saturday with a noon doubleheader at Plymouth State College.

### **Eastern Conn. 11, Westfield State 4**

Westfield State (7-11)	202	000	000	--	4	6	3
Eastern Conn. (17-2)	014	020	40x	--	11	11	1

Doug Smutnick (1-2), Brian Contenta (8) and Josue Zamora. Curt Sinatro (1-0), Kevin Rival (8) and Troy Timney, Coakley Jopling (8). 2B-John Morrissey, Justin Cohane (W), Nick Tempesta, George Dixon (E); HR-Zamora (2) (W), John Kubachka (5), Nick Scheets (1) (E).

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Sunday, April 2, 2000

### **ECSU BASEBALL EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO EIGHT GAMES** *Warriors improve to 3-0 in Little East Conference with 5-2 win over WCSU*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run with his second home run in four games to help lift the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 5-2 Little East Conference win over Western Connecticut State University Sunday.

The win is the eight straight this year for Eastern (15-2, 3-0), which is 7-0 up north. The Warriors, ranked second nationally, have beaten Western (3-6, 1-2) 12 straight times.

With Eastern leading 3-2 in the seventh, senior first baseman **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)** drove in a run with a sacrifice fly and Tempesta followed with a two-out solo home run to left on an 0-2 pitch. Tempesta also singled and scored on a two-run home run by sophomore DH **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** to give ECSU a 3-0 lead in the third.

Senior righty **Stephen Stonoha (DERBY)** won his fourth game in as many decisions in relief of junior lefty **Curt Sinatro (WEST HARTFORD)**. Stonoha upped his career record to 8-0 by allowing only two hits after coming on to get the final out of the fourth.

Michael Mastropietro had two of his team's four hits for Western, which left the bases loaded in the second and left two runners aboard in the ninth.

Eastern hosts Westfield State College Tuesday at 3 p.m.

### **Eastern Conn. 5, Western Conn. 2**

Western Conn. (3-6)	000	200	000	--	2	4	3
Eastern Conn. (15-2)	102	000	20x	--	5	7	0

Tim Werner (0-1), Dan Korn (7) and Robert Nardi. Curt Sinatro, Stephen Stonoha (4) and Matthew Hebert. WP-Stonoha (4-0). HR-Nick Tempesta (2), John Kubachka (3) (E).

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### ECSU BASEBALL COLLECTS 33 HITS IN LITTLE EAST SWEEP OF UMASS

*Holowaty has four hits, four runs and four RBI in 12-1, 7-2 victories*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** had four hits, four runs and four RBI to help lead the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 12-1, 7-2 doubleheader sweep of the University of Massachusetts Boston Saturday in the Little East Conference openers for both schools Saturday.

Eastern (14-2), which has won seven straight this season and all eight against UMass (10-11) in conference regular-season play, had 20 hits in the opener and added 13 in the nightcap. The Warriors, ranked second nationally in Division III and first in New England, had ten extra base hits.

Holowaty had two hits, a walk, three runs scored and three RBI in the first game, including his first career home run -- a three-run shot in the second. In the doubleheader, sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** was 4-for-9 with five RBI and two runs scored. In the first game, he was 3-for-5 with two doubles, a home run and four RBI. In the doubleheader, junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** had four hits and scored three runs and drove in one run.

Sophomore lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)** won the opener, scattering four hits over the first six innings. He fanned two and walked one and hit a batter. Sophomore righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** was credited with the win in the nightcap. He gave up ten hits before giving way to freshman righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** with one out in the sixth.

Eastern hosts Western Connecticut State University Sunday at 1 p.m. in a conference game.

#### **Eastern Conn. 12, UMass Boston 1**

UMass Boston (10-10)	000	001	000	--	1	7	1
Eastern Conn. (13-2)	132	310	20x	--	12	20	0

Kevin Sweeney (2-2), Mike Griffiths (8) and Matt Tapley, Miguel Colon (8), David Olson (3-0), Jay Wetherell (7) and Matt Hebert, Coakley Jopling (8). Save-Wetherell (1). 2B-Nao Masamoto, Colin Barden (M), John Kubachka 2, Jared Holowaty, Justin Waz, Kevin Rival (E); HR-Holowaty (1), Kubachka (2) (E).

#### **Eastern Conn. 7, UMass Boston 2**

UMass Boston (10-11)	001	001	000	--	2	11	0
Eastern Conn. (14-2)	220	120	000	--	7	13	1

Pat Gamelin (2-1) and Miguel Colon. Adam Czerwinski (2-1), Matt Fortin (6) and Troy Timney. Save-Fortin (1); 2B-Nick Tempesta (E); 3B-George Dixon (E); HR-Rival (2) (E).

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### ECSU SOFTBALL OPENS LITTLE EAST PLAY WITH SWEEP OF PLYMOUTH

*Warriors score nine runs on six hits in seventh inning to win opener 11-10*

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. -- Freshman third baseman **Stacey Schofield (WOODSTOCK)** capped a nine-run seventh inning rally with a game-ending, two-out, two-run double to give the Eastern Connecticut State University softball team an 11-10 win over Plymouth State College Saturday in the Little East Conference openers for both teams.

Trailing 10-2, Eastern (8-6) sent 12 batter to the plate in the seventh inning and scored nine runs on six hits. The first seven batters reached safely. In addition to Schofield, freshman rightfielder **Beth Clement (DELMAR, NY)** drove in two runs in the inning. Two runs also scored after there were two out when freshman second baseman **Erin Fitzpatrick (LEOMINSTER, MA)** and sophomore centerfielder **Julia Neilson (SALISBURY)** reached safely on wild pitches after striking out.

In the opener, senior first baseman Sara Wormwood had two hits and four RBI and scored twice with a triple and home run for Plymouth (6-6). Her home run was a three-run blast to left-center in the sixth off winning pitcher **Wendy Urso (SOUTHINGTON)**. Urso pitched the final two innings, allowing four runs, but earned the win when ECSU rallied in the seventh.

In the second game, junior **Karen Kaczynski (HARWINTON)** pitched a complete-game two-hitter to win her second straight win after three losses. She did not allow a hit after the second inning. In that game, sophomore leftfielder **Lisa Clinton (NEWTON, MA)** was 3-for-3 with a run and RBI and stolen base.

In the doubleheader, Clement was 5-for-7 with two runs and two RBI and Neilson was 4-for-9 with five runs scored and six stolen bases. She has 22 stolen bases in 14 games this year.

#### Eastern Conn. 11, Plymouth State 10

Plymouth State (6-5)	000	063	1	--	10	12	1
Eastern Conn. (7-6)	001	010	9	--	11	13	3

Two out when winning run scored.

Jen Moulton (3-2) and Steph Ruel. Erin Bundy, Wendy Urso (6) and Morgan Parsons. WP-Urso (3-1). 2B- Kristen Fusick, Kelly Anderson, Sara Morin (P); E-Stacey Schofield (E) 2. 3B-Sara Wormwood (P); HR-Wormwood (2) (P).

#### Eastern Conn. 7, Plymouth State 0

Plymouth State (6-6)	000	000	0	--	0	2	2
Eastern Conn. (8-6)	110	113	x	--	7	13	2

Lyndsy Patten (2-2) and Steph Ruel, Adriene Harvey (6). Karen Kaczynski (2-3) and Morgan Parsons. 3B-Andrea Rizzuto (E).

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### TEMPESTA LEADS ECSU BASEBALL PAST MASS COLLEGE 8-3

*Junior shortstop drives in four runs, throws out go-ahead run at plate in eighth*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** drove in four runs and threw out the potential go-ahead run at the plate in the eighth inning as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team downed Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts 8-3 Thursday.

Mass College (8-6) tied the game with a run in the seventh and two in the top of the eighth but the Warriors bounced back by scoring five runs on four hits in the bottom of the eighth. Tempesta drove in the first two runs of the inning with a single to left and sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** and junior catcher **Matthew Hebert (BURLINGTON)** followed with back-to-back doubles to plate three more runs.

A home run by T.J. Snyder leading off the seventh inning spoiled the shutout bid of ECSU junior righty **Bryan DePaulo (WATERBURY)** and the Mohawks chased him two batters into the eighth. With the bases loaded, Jose Diaz drove in the tying runs with a double to left off ECSU senior righty **Stephen Stonoha (DERBY)** but Tempesta's relay throw to Hebert from junior leftfielder **Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE)** nailed Joe Bateman at the plate.

Stonoha (3-0), who saved Wednesday's 3-2 win over Wesleyan, was credited with his sixth career win in as many decisions.

An RBI double by senior DH **Jay Wetherell (MILFORD)** had given ECSU a 1-0 lead in the fourth and Tempesta followed two batters later with his first home run of the season -- a two-run shot to right-center to make it 3-0.

The top three hitters in the ECSU lineup -- sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)**, Wetherell and Tempesta -- each scored two runs.

Eastern, ranked second nationally in Division III and first in New England, opens its Little East Conference season Saturday, hosting Massachusetts Boston in a noon doubleheader.

### **Eastern Conn. 8, Massachusetts College 3**

Mass College (8-6)	000	000	120	--	3	10	2
Eastern Conn. (12-2)	000	300	05x	--	8	8	0

Mike Vella, Jamie LeBaron (8), Kyle Crandall (8) and Jose Diaz. Bryan DePaulo, Stephen Stonoha (8), Kevin Rival (9) and Matthew Hebert. WP-Stonoha (3-0). LP-Vella (1-2); 2B-Diaz (M), Jay Wetherell, John Kubachka, Hebert (E); HR-T.J. Snyder (M), Nick Tempesta (E).

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### **STONOHA SAVES ECSU BASEBALL WIN OVER WESLEYAN 3-2**

*Senior gets game-ending strikeout for second year vs. Cardinals*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Senior right-handed pitcher **Stephen Stonoha (DERBY)** needed three pitches to save Eastern Connecticut State University's 3-2 baseball win over Wesleyan University Wednesday.

Ranked first in New England, Eastern (11-2) improved to 6-0 in one-run games this year when Stonoha got Wesleyan cleanup batter Dave Bushnell on a swinging strikeout with the bases loaded to end the game.

Trailing 3-0 entering the ninth, Wesleyan (7-4) scored twice on a leadoff single and four walks. With the bases loaded, Stonoha replaced sophomore righty **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)**, who had walked in two runs in relief of winning pitcher **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)**. It is the first save this season for Stonoha, fourth of his career.

It marks the second straight year that Stonoha has preserved a one-run win over Wesleyan by getting a game-ending strikeout with the bases loaded. In last year's 7-6 win over New England's No. 1 ranked team -- a victory which gave ECSU head coach Bill Holowaty his 900th coaching triumph -- Stonoha came on to complete a walk with two pitches in the ninth before striking out No. 8 hitter Geoff Dailey.

The win is the sixth in as many years over Wesleyan for Eastern, ranked second nationally in Division III.

In search of his first career shutout, Chadwick (2-1) carried a 3-0 lead into the ninth but was lifted after the first two Wesleyan batters reached.

All three ECSU runs off Wesleyan freshman righty Rob Guglielmino (1-2) on four hits in the third. Junior centerfielder **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** followed a leadoff double by junior second baseman **Javy Madera (PONCE, P.R.)** with his team-leading third home run of the season -- a first-pitch blast to dead center. With one out, junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA)** singled to left and with two outs, Kubachka drilled an opposite-field RBI double to right to make it 3-0.

Against Guglielmino, however, the Warriors managed only two hits the rest of the way.

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Wesleyan threatened several times before the ninth but Chadwick got out of bases loaded jams in both the first and sixth innings with infield ground balls. In the eighth, Chadwick surrendered a one-out double but got an infield out and inning-ending strikeout.

Both Guglielmino and Chadwick allowed six hits while fanning six. Chadwick walked four, Guglielmino two.

Eastern hosts Massachusetts College Thursday at 3 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 3, Wesleyan U. 2**

Wesleyan U. (7-4)	000	000	002	--	2	6	1
Eastern Conn. (11-2)	003	000	000	--	3	6	0

Rob Guglielmino (1-2), Bill Robinson (8) and Eric Carmody. Michael Chadwick (2-1), John Kubachka (9), Stephen Stonoha (9) and Matthew Hebert. Save-Stonoha (1). 2B-Christian Frattasio (W), Kubachka, Javy Madera (E); HR-George Dixon (3) (E).

Saturday, March 25, 2000

**OLSON PITCHES ECSU BASEBALL PAST U. OF REDLANDS 9-0**  
*Warriors complete most successful California trip ever with 8-2 record*

REDLANDS, CA -- Sophomore lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)** allowed five hits in eight innings and sophomore leftfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** was 5-for-5 as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team closed out its most successful California trip with a 9-0 win over the Univeristy of Redlands Saturday.

Eastern (10-2) finishes its eight-day trip with an 8-2 record and a three-game winning streak. The win is the second over Redlands (9-14-1) in seven days, the Warriors nipping the Bulldogs 7-6 last Sunday in the third round of the California Invitational.

Ranked second nationally in Division III, Eastern scored three runs in the first inning Saturday on four hits and Olson maintained that lead until the Warriors tacked on two more in the seventh and four in the ninth. Olson (2-0), who has won seven of eight decisions in his career, limited Redlands to five singles while fanning five and walking three until sophomore righty **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** closed out the shutout with a scoreless ninth.

Batting leadoff, Holowaty recorded the first five-hit game of his career. He scored the first of his three runs when he led off the game with his third career triple and came home on a sacrifice fly by sophomore third baseman **Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN)**.

Others with multiple hits in the team's 15-hit attack were first baseman Kubachka, sophomore leftfielder **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** and sophomore DH **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)**. Hedde and Kubachka each had two doubles. Hedde drove in three runs with an RBI double in the first and two-run double in the ninth and also scored twice. Rival had two sacrifice flies. Kubachka was 2-for-5 and closed out the trip with a .581 batting average (25-for-43).

Eastern hosts Wesleyan University Wednesday at 3 p.m.

**Eastern Conn. 9, U. of Redlands 0**

Eastern Conn. (10-2)	300	000	204	--	9	15	1
Redlands (9-14-1)	000	000	000	--	0	5	2

David Olson (2-0), John Kubachka (9) and Matt Hebert, Coakley Jopling (9). Brett May (0-2), Chris Fresca (8), Mike Karg (9) and Matt Keck. 2B-John Kubachka 2, John Hedde 2 (E); 3B-Jared Holowaty (E).

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### KUBACHKA LEADS ECSU BASEBALL TO TWO WINS IN CALIFORNIA

*Sophomore collects seven hits as Warriors win two one-run games*

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka** (GLASTONBURY) was 7-for-9 with four runs and four RBI to lead the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to two one-run wins Friday.

In the opening 8-7 win over North Central College (4-5), Kubachka was 4-for-4 with two runs and two RBI and senior righty **Stephen Stonoha** (DERBY) allowed only one run in a career-high seven-and-one-third innings in relief. He improved his career record to 5-0. The win snapped a two-game losing streak.

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Eastern tied the game with two runs in the fourth on an RBI triple by junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta** (BROCKTON, MA) and Kubachka's RBI double and went ahead for good on sophomore **Kevin Rival**'s (NEW BRITAIN) RBI single in the sixth. Sophomore leftfielder **John Hedde** (STONINGTON) had a two-run home run in the third.

In an 11-10 win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (12-13), Kubachka was 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBI and the Warriors snapped a 1-1 tie with four runs in the third-to win their fifth one-run decision in as many outings this year. Junior righty **Bryan DePaulo** (WATERBURY) was credited with his first win at Eastern. He allowed 11 hits and seven runs (four earned) over the first seven innings and left with a ~~seven~~ <sup>four</sup>-run lead.

In the two games, Tempesta was 4-for-8 with two runs scored. Kubachka upped his team-leading average to .605 (23-for-38).

Eastern closes out its trip Saturday with a 4 p.m. start against the University of Redlands.

#### Eastern Conn. 8, North Central College 7

North Central (4-5)	061	000	000	--	7	14	3
Eastern Conn. (8-2)	302	201	00x	--	8	11	2

Brian Nendza (0-2), Ian Foley (6) and Travis Kerber. Curt Sinatro, Stephen Stonoha (2) and Jeff Funaro, Troy Timney (4). WP-Stonoha (2-0). 2B-Mike Faust (N), John Kubachka, Jay Wetherell (E); 3B-Nick Tempesta (E); HR-Tom Marran (N), John Hedde (E).

#### Eastern Conn. 11, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 10

Eastern Conn. (9-2)	014	300	300	--	11	18	3
Claremont-Mudd (12-13)	100	300	303	--	10	13	3

Bryan DePaulo (1-0), Kevin Rival (8) and Matt Hebert. Brian Kriegler (3-3), Erik Yamamoto (4), Jibin Park (7) and Alby Salsa. 2B-Nick Tempesta, John Kubachka, John Hedde, Hebert (E), Jesse Robello 2, Scott Tamsler, Brian Bower (C); 3B-Ryan Vergari (C).

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### **ECSU BASEBALL POUNDED BY CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY 25-0**

*Four pitchers surrender 23 hits, Warriors commit eight errors*

ORANGE, Calif. -- Four Eastern Connecticut State University pitchers were rocked for 23 hits and the defense committed eight errors as Chapman University pounded the Warriors 25-0 Thursday.

Chapman (15-2-1), ranked tenth in Division III, scored 16 unearned runs. A total of four errors allowed the Panthers to score seven unearned runs in the fourth and seven unearned runs in the seventh.

Senior leftfielder Brandon Maciel led the way for Chapman with three hits, four RBI and five runs scored.

The No. 2 nationally-ranked Warriors (7-2), losers of two straight, managed only four hits against two Chapman pitchers.

The runs and hits are the most allowed in a game by Eastern, which is 0-5 all-time against the Panthers.

Friday, Eastern faces North Central College at 1:30 p.m. ET and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps at 5:30 p.m. ET in games played at Claremont, CA.

### **Chapman U. 25, Eastern Conn. 0**

Eastern Conn. (7-2)	000	000	000	--	0	4	8
Chapman U. (15-2-1)	102	724	72x	--	25	23	1

Michael Chadwick (1-1), Paul Smith (4), Greg Bonin (6), Michael Corona (7) and Matt Hebert, Troy Timney (5). Bob Sunderland (5-2), Erik Maurer (6), Eric Hayden (8) and Tony Serna. 2B-Jay Wetherell, John Hedde (E), Eric Albright 2, Brian Menkin, Randall Stowasser (C). 3B-Brandon Maciel, Alex Taylor (C); HR-Pat Stevens, Scott Montgomery (C).

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Wednesday, March 22, 2000

### ECSU BASEBALL WASTES 17 HITS IN 9-7 LOSS TO POMONA-PITZER *Warriors' rallies fall short in first loss of season after seven wins*

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team wasted 17 hits in dropping its first game of the season, a 9-7 decision to Pomona-Pitzer Colleges Wednesday.

In defeating ECSU for the first time after four previous losses, the Sagehens (12-11) jumped out to a 7-0 lead after three innings off ECSU sophomore righty **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)** and withstood rallies in the eighth and ninth innings. Trailing 9-4, the Warriors got one back in the eighth but could do no further damage despite loading the bases without an out against complete-game winner Charles Einsiedler (3-1). Sophomore **Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN)** drove in two more runs in the ninth with a two-out double but the game ended when he was erased trying to reach third.

Czerwinski (1-1) allowed eight of Pomona-Pitzer's runs but four were unearned and came in the third inning due to a dropped infield fly. A sacrifice fly drove in the first run of that inning and Brad Carmody followed with a two-out, three-run home run to give the hosts a 7-0 lead.

Rival had the second four-hit game of his career to lead the hitting barrage, with sophomore **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** and junior **Javy Madera (PONCE, P.R.)** each picking up three hits, including a double. Scheets and sophomore **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** each scored two runs.

Kubachka currently leads the team with a .536 average (15-for-28), while Rival is next at .522 (12-for-23) and Scheets third at .429 (12-for-28).

Eastern, ranked second nationally in Division III, visits tenth-ranked Chapman University Thursday. The Panthers have beaten the Warriors all five times the teams have met.

#### Pomona-Pitzer Colleges 9, Eastern Conn. 7

Eastern Conn. (7-1)	000	120	112	--	7	17	2
Pomona-Pitzer (12-11)	304	010	10x	--	9	10	3

Adam Czerwinski (1-1), Matt Fortin (6) and Matt Hebert. Charles Einsiedler and Nick Bulaich. 2B-Nick Tempesta, John Kubachka, Kevin Rival, Javy Madera (E), David Sawhill, Jose Cortez (P). HR-Brad Carmody (P).

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### ECSU BASEBALL BLASTS WHITTIER COLLEGE FOR SEVENTH STRAIGHT *Ranked second in Division III, Warriors collect eight extra-base hits in 18-2 win*

WHITTIER, Calif. -- Sophomores **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** and **John Hedde (STONINGTON)** each drove in three runs in an 18-hit attack as the surging Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team blasted Whittier College 18-2 Tuesday.

The Warriors (7-0), ranked second in Division III, scored in each of the first six innings to make a winner of sophomore lefty **David Olson (WATERFORD)**. Olson (1-0) allowed six hits and both runs over the first six innings to win his sixth game in seven career decisions.

Scheets was 3-for-5 with three RBI and two runs. He had a two-run double in the first and an RBI triple in a six-run second inning. Hedde came off the bench to drive in three runs with a home run in the fifth. Junior **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** added a two-run home run in the second and also doubled and scored three runs while sophomore **Inaki Ormaechea (NEW BRITAIN)** drilled a leadoff home run in the sixth. The home runs were the first career ones for all three players.

Eastern is off to its best start since winning its first eight games in 1992, when it failed to qualify for post-season play for the first time under head coach Bill Holowaty. The program record for consecutive wins to open the season is 11, set in 1972.

ECSU looks for its sixth straight win in California when it visits Pomona-Pitzer Colleges Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. ET.

#### **Eastern Conn. 18, Whittier College 2**

Whittier (8-19)	001	001	000	--	2	7	3
Eastern Conn. (7-0)	263	331	000	--	18	18	0

Kevin Ruiz (0-1), Luke Tozzi (2), Mike May (4), Bubba Armenta (5) and Elvin Dick, John Vida (7). David Olson (1-0), Jay Wetherell (7), John Kubachka (8), Michael Corona (9) and Matt Hebert, Anthony DeCicco (5), Coakley Jopling (9). 2B-Justin Waz, Nick Scheets, Kevin Rival, George Dixon (E), Dustin Boots, Elvin Dick (W); 3B-Scheets (E); HR-John Hedde (1), Inaki Ormaechea (1), George Dixon (1) (E).

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### College Softball at Orlando, FL

#### Eastern Conn. 4, Luther College 3

Luther (2-4)	011	000	1	--	3	9	1
Eastern Conn. (2-3)	003	100	x	--	4	6	5

Jennifer Hohrmann (1-2) and Jenny Moffitt, Tracie Knapp (3). Sarah Arrigoni (1-1), Karen Kaczynski (6) and Morgan Parsons. Save-Kaczynski (1). 2B-Kindel McLaughlin, Sarah Edwards (L), Arrigoni (E).

Arrigoni 1st collegiate win... Kaczynski second collegiate save... Kaczynski enters with bases loaded in the sixth and ECSU leading 4-2. Gets a fly ball to left and a line drive to short to end the inning... Arrigoni 5.3 IP, 2 R-1ER, 5 H, 4 K, 0BB... Arrigoni 2 hits. ECSU third inning: Arrigoni RBI double, Andrea Rizzuto RBI 1B, third run scores on wild pitch.

#### Eastern Conn. 9, Manchester College 6

Eastern Conn. (3-3)	011	030	4	--	9	12	2
Manchester (2-5)	001	140	0	--	6	8	2

Erin Bundy, Wendy Urso (5) and Morgan Parsons. Tasha Elliott, Kelly Haughs (4) and Tiffany Ozbun. WP-Urso (2-0). LP-Haughs (1-1). 2B-Stacey Schofield (E), Nicolette Gasior 2 (M); 3B-Cathy Bounds (M).

Urso second win in second collegiate outing. 2.3 IP, 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 BB. Got the last out of the fifth with ECSU trailing 6-5. Eastern rallies for 4 runs in the seventh on five hits. Sarah Arrigoni, Andrea Rizzuto and Stacey Schofield (RBI) open inning with hits to tie the game. Morgan Parsons two-run 1B with one out. Julia Neilson slap single RBI for final run.

Neilson - 3 hits  
Rizzuto 2 hits  
PARSONS 2 hits  
Arrigoni 2 hits  
Schofield 2 hits

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### ECSU BASEBALL WINS CALIFORNIA INVITE, IMPROVES TO 6-0 *Warriors score three runs in last inning in 11-10 win over Linfield*

REDLANDS, Calif. -- The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team completed a four-game sweep at the California Invitational by scoring three runs in the final inning in an 11-10 win over Linfield College Sunday to capture the tournament title. The game was stopped after eight innings due to darkness.

Eastern (6-0) won its four tournament games by a total of five runs, winning the final three games by a run in its final at-bat. The Warriors had edged the University of Redlands 7-6 earlier Sunday.

The Warriors snapped an 8-8 tie with three runs in the eighth on RBI singles by sophomores **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)**, **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** and **Nick Scheets (MILFORD)** and freshman righty **Paul Smith (EASTON, MA)** gained the save by getting the final two outs in the bottom of the inning after a two-run home run by Kevin Hill had cut the gap to one run. Junior shortstop **Nick Tempesta's (BROCKTON, MA)** backhand stab and throw from the hole to first stranded the potential tying run on third.

Junior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** drove in two runs in the game with a pair of doubles while Scheets had three hits and two RBI. Kubachka improved his team-leading average to .632 (12-for-19) with three hits in as many official at-bats. Kubachka reached safely all five times with three hits, including a double, a walk and a hit-by-pitch.

Junior righty **Michael Corona (HIGGANUM)** recorded the win in his first career outing. Corona came on the in the seventh inning before giving way to Smith after Hill's two-run blast with one out in the eighth.

Ten of Linfield's 14 hits were good for extra bases.

Eastern visits Whittier College Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. ET.

### **Eastern Conn. 11, Linfield College 10, 8 inn.**

Eastern Conn. (6-0)	200	300	33	--	11	13	2
Linfield (5-7)	011	113	12	--	10	14	2

Bryan DePaulo, Greg Bonin (6), Michael Corona (7), Paul Smith (8) and Matt Hebert. Chris Carnahan, Brian Grimm (8) and Joe Narus. WP-Corona (1-0). LP-Grimm (0-1). Save-Smith (1). 2B-Hebert 2, John Kubachka (E), Scott Cannon 2, Evan Swanson, August Norgaard, Kevin Hill, Narus (L). 3B-Norgaard (L); HR-Hill 2, Blaine Watanabe (L).

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### ECSU BASEBALL WINS FIFTH STRAIGHT, IN CALIFORNIA INVITE

*Two pitchers hold Redlands hitless after first inning in 7-6 win*

REDLANDS, Calif. -- Junior lefty **Curt Sinatro (WEST HARTFORD)** did not allow a hit after the first inning in his first collegiate start and the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team capitalized on six errors in a 7-6 win over the University of Redlands Sunday at the California Invitational.

Eastern (5-0) is now 3-0 in the tournament, the wins coming by a combined margin of four runs. The last two wins have come in its final at-bat. The Warriors were scheduled to play Linfield College in a 6 p.m. start Sunday in their final tournament game.

Redlands (9-12-1) had tied the game in the eighth by scoring twice after there were two out and no one on base. Both runs were walked in. Eastern won the game in the top of the ninth when sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** drove in pinch runner Brian Gouin (SPRAGUE) from third when he reached on a two-out ground ball. Junior centerfielder **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** had reached on an error with one out and Gouin, pinch-running, moved to third on a double by junior second baseman **Javy Madera (PONCE, P.R.)**. Junior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** was walked intentionally to set up the force but Holowaty's ground ball plated Gouin to put ECSU in front.

In addition to scoring the unearned run in the ninth, Eastern scored three unearned runs to go ahead 6-4 in the fifth. Senior first baseman **Jay Wetherell's (MILFORD)** RBI double was the only hit of the inning, Redlands committing three errors and a passed ball in the frame.

Sinatro, making his first collegiate start after 32 straight relief appearances, gave up four runs on four hits in the first inning but did not allow another hit, finally giving way to freshman righty **Paul Smith (EASTON, MA)** with the bases loaded and two outs in the eighth and Eastern leading 6-5. In his collegiate debut, Smith walked in the tying run but escaped further damage by inducing an inning-ending fly ball to center. Sinatro walked 11 batters while Smith issued two free passes.

Holowaty and Wetherell each drove in two runs for Eastern while sophomore DH **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)** had two of the team's eight hits. Kubachka, who had five RBI in each of the team's first two tournament victories, is batting .600 (9-for-16) with 11 RBI and five runs scored in five games this season. Kubachka is a first-year transfer from Wake Forest, where he hit .307 in 88 at-bats last year.

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**College Baseball**  
**Sunday, March 18, 2000**  
**at Redlands, CA**

**Eastern Conn. 7, U. of Redlands 6**

Eastern Conn. (5-0)	011	130	001	--	7	8	0
Redlands (9-12-1)	400	000	020	--	6	4	6

Curt Sinatro, Paul Smith (8) and Jeff Funaro, Coakley Jopling (1). Jeff Tape, Billy Pope (4), Chris Fresca (5), Mike Karg (9) and Matt Keck. WP-Smith (1-0). LP-Karg (1-1). 2B-Jay Wetherell, Javy Madera, Coakley Jopling (E), Tommy Simanek (R).

Saturday, March 18, 2000

## KUBACHKA SPARKS ECSU BASEBALL TO 9-7 WIN OVER PACIFIC U.

First-year player drives in five runs in Warriors' California opener

La VERNE, CA -- First-year sophomore first baseman John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY) drove in five runs with a pair of RBI singles and a three-run home run to spark the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team to a 9-7 win over Pacific University (OR) Saturday at the California Invitational. The game, Eastern's first on its eight-day trip, was stopped after six innings due to a time limit.

In a late Saturday night game in the tournament, the Warriors improved to 4-0 with an 11-10, 11-inning win over the University of La Verne (12-4) in a battle of former Division III national champions. Kubachka again drove in five runs in that game with a sacrifice fly in the first and two-run singles in the second and sixth. Eastern led 5-0 after two innings in the game but needed to rally for three runs in the sixth to tie the game 8-8. La Verne went ahead with a pair of RBI safeties off sophomore righty Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN) in the top of the 11th. In the bottom of the 11th, ECSU gave Rival his first collegiate win when it scored three times on two hits, an inning-opening error and a wild pitch. Junior shortstop Nick Tempesta (BROCKTON, MA) drove in the first run with a single with no one out and sophomore leftfielder Nick Scheets (MILFORD) -- who had come on earlier in the game as a pinch hitter -- stroked a game-ending two-run single to right with one out which scored Tempesta and sophomore rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA), who had walked. Holowaty scored four times in the game. Rival had replaced freshman righty Matt Fortin (TOLLAND) to start the tenth inning. Fortin had surrendered only four hits and two runs over five innings after taking over for junior starter Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI) during La Verne's five-run fifth inning.

Against Pacific, Eastern trailed 5-4 before Kubachka hit a three-run home run to put the Warriors ahead 7-5 with no one out in the sixth and Rival followed later in the inning with a pinch two-out, two-run home run to make it 9-5.

Rival was credited with his second career save when he stranded three runners by getting two strikeouts and a game-ending ground ball to second. Senior righty Stephen Stonoha (DERBY) won his fourth career game in as many decisions in relief of starter Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS). Rival replaced Stonoha (1-0) with two runners aboard and ECSU leading 9-6 in the sixth. He hit the first batter he faced to load the bases, balked in the Bulldogs' seventh run of the game, and loaded the bases again with a walk before getting the final three outs.

Kubachka and sophomore rightfielder Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA) each had three hits and two runs scored for Eastern while junior catcher Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON) and junior centerfielder George Dixon (STAMFORD) had two hits each. Both of Dixon's hits were doubles.

Mac Strang had three hits and two RBI for Pacific (1-8) while Matt Lengwenus had two hits and scored twice.

Eastern Conn. 9, Pacific U. (OR) 7, 6 inn.

Eastern Conn. (3-0) 201 105 -- 9 13 3

Pacific U. (1-8) 023 002 -- 7 8 2

Adam Czerwinski, Stephen Stonoha (4), Kevin Rival (6) and Matt Hebert. Kelly DeVoy, Adam Edwards (5), Kyle Bunting (6) and Rob Verant, Mac Strang (1). WP-Stonoha (1-0). LP-Edwards (0-2). Save-Rival (1). 2B-George Dixon 2, Jared Holowaty (E), Matt Lengwenus (P). HR-John Kubachka (1), Kevin Rival (1) (E).

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The Warriors (3-0) were scheduled to face the University of La Verne later Saturday night in their second tournament game.

Eastern trailed 5-4 before Kubachka hit a three-run home run to put the Warriors ahead 7-5 with no one out in the sixth and sophomore **Kevin Rival (NEW BRITAIN)** followed later in the inning with a pinch two-out, two-run home run to make it 9-5.

Rival was credited with his second career save when he stranded three runners by getting two strikeouts and a game-ending ground ball to second. Senior righty **Stephen Stonoha (DERBY)** won his fourth career game in as many decisions in relief of starter **Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS)**. Rival replaced Stonoha (1-0) with two runners aboard and ECSU leading 9-6 in the sixth. He hit the first batter he faced to load the bases, barked in the Bulldogs' seventh run of the game, and loaded the bases again with a walk before getting the final three outs.

Kubachka and sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** each had three hits and two runs scored for Eastern while junior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** and junior centerfielder **George Dixon (STAMFORD)** had two hits each. Both of Dixon's hits were doubles.

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**Eastern Conn. 9, Pacific U. (OR) 7, 6 inn.**

Eastern Conn. (3-0)	201	105	--	9	13	3
Pacific U. (1-8)	023	002	--	7	8	2

Adam Czerwinski, Stephen Stonoha (4), Kevin Rival (6) and Matt Hebert. Kelly DeVoy, Adam Edwards (5), Kyle Bunting (6) and Rob Verant, Mac Strang (1). WP-Stonoha (1-0). LP-Edwards (0-2). Save-Rival (1). 2B-George Dixon 2, Jared Holowaty (E), Matt Lengwenus (P). HR-John Kubachka (1), Kevin Rival (1) (E).

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### CHADWICK HURLS ECSU BASEBALL PAST OLD WESTBURY 5-0

*Junior right-handed pitcher does not allow a hit in five-inning stint*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Junior right-handed pitcher **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** did not allow a hit while working the first five innings as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team blanked SUNY-Old Westbury 5-0 Saturday in a game stopped after seven innings due to rain. The scheduled second game of the doubleheader was cancelled.

Chadwick, who fanned five, faced only three batters over the minimum in his first outing of the year. He allowed four baserunners, three on walks and one on an error. One of the baserunners was erased trying to steal second base. The Panthers (0-2) threatened to break through in the third when they had a runner on third with two out by Chadwick got No. 3 hitter Orel Wells to pop to second to end the inning. Freshman righty **Matt Fortin (TOLLAND)** allowed Old Westbury's only hit -- a one out single in the seventh -- in his debut. He fanned three and walked one.

Sophomore rightfielder **Jared Holowaty (COLUMBIA)** scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the first and drove in the second run with a single in the second inning. Junior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** drove in Holowaty in the first with a ground ball and walked and scored the team's final run in the fifth. Freshman catcher **Jeff Funaro (MILFORD)** had his first hit, extra base hit and RBI with a double down the left field line in the fourth.

Eastern (2-0) is scheduled to play ten games in eight days in California beginning next Saturday.

### **Eastern Conn. 5, SUNY-Old Westbury 0, 7 inn., rain**

Old Westbury (0-2)	000	000	0	--	0	1	3
Eastern Conn. (2-0)	110	120	x	--	5	4	1

Adam Gomez (0-1), Harry Tejeda (6) and Julio Garcia. Michael Chadwick (1-0), Matt Fortin (6) and Jeff Funaro. 2B-Funaro (E).

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### **CZERWINSKI, STONOKA LEAD ECSU BASEBALL PAST OLD WESTBURY**

*Waz drives in three runs in first career start in season-opening 5-3 win*

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Adam Czerwinski (SOMERS) and Stephen Stonoka (DERBY) combined on a six-hitter with 15 strikeouts as the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team won its 17th straight home-opener with a 5-3 win over SUNY-Old Westbury Friday night.

Czerwinski, a sophomore righty, allowed three hits and two earned runs with a career-high nine strikeouts over the first five innings while Stonoka, a senior righty, limited the Panthers to three hits and one earned run while fanning a career-high six over the final four innings.

Sophomore DH **Justin Waz (DEEP RIVER)** drove in three runs with a tie-breaking two-run home run in the second inning and a sacrifice fly in the sixth. It was the first career start for Waz, who had driven in two runs in ten games off the bench last year.

In both the two-run first inning and two-run second inning, Eastern rallied after there were two out and no one on base.

The Panthers (0-1) tied the game in the second on solo home runs off Czerwinski but Waz hit a two-out, two-run opposite field home run to left to give ECSU the lead for good 4-2 in the second. Czerwinski, who struck out the first four batters he faced, allowed only one hit while fanning five and walking one over his final three innings.

Sophomore first baseman **John Kubachka (GLASTONBURY)**, a first-year transfer from Wake Forest, had given ECSU a 1-0 lead with a two-out single to left-center in the first inning and the second run of the inning scored on an infield error. Waz and junior catcher **Matt Hebert (BURLINGTON)** each had two hits for the Warriors, who got hits from eight different players.

Eastern hosts Old Westbury in a 9:30 a.m. doubleheader Saturday. Junior righty **Michael Chadwick (SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI)** and junior lefty **Matt Sinatro (WEST HARTFORD)** are expected to open on the mound for Eastern.

### **Eastern Conn. 5, SUNY-Old Westbury 3**

Old Westbury (0-1)	020	000	001	--	3	6	2
Eastern Conn. (1-0)	220	001	00x	--	5	10	0

Gil Rodriguez (0-1), Harry Tejeda (7), Royce Berroa (8), Mike McLaughlin (8) and Julio Garcia. Adam Czerwinski (1-0), Stephen Stonoka (6) and Matt Hebert. HR-Arturo Pusey (1), Leo Gray (1) (OW), Justin Waz (1) (E).

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